

Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 31.

ANECDOTE OF RASPAIL.—Raspail, who died in France the other day, was widely renowned as a chemist before he was completely carried away by his political vagaries. His education was confined to l'Abbe Eysseric, a Catholic priest as renowned for his science as for his virtues. In 1824 he presented the French Institute with the result of his first researches in botany. In 1840 he attracted the criminal proceedings against Marie Capelle, accused of having poisoned her husband, M. Lafarge, with arsenic. The celebrated Orfila had made the legal autopsy of the deceased for the prosecution, and his report to the court was crushingly conclusive against the accused, when M. Lafarge's counsel solicited Raspail to make a counter examination of the corpse.

This Raspail did at once, and his report was a complete refutation of Orfila's. He peremptorily demonstrated that arsenic is to be found in every human body, and also in inorganic matter. The President of the Cour d'Assises, displeased at the prospect of an acquittal, treated with disdain Raspail's theory. But the great savant rushed in front of the tribunal, and exclaimed:—"Mr. President, justice exists that my assertions should be proved; let me bring here my apparatus, and I shall take as much arsenic out of the wood of your arm chair as has been found in this corpse." This unexpected affirmation threw the jurymen's minds into the greatest perplexity, but Marie Capelle, although her life was saved, was sentenced to perpetual imprisonment.

The Alexandria Gazette

Already read by three generations, now enters into its SEVENTY-NINTH VOLUME.

Few newspapers in the country have lived so long; nowhere enjoyed more the confidence of people.

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As the interests of the people mainly centre at home, no pains will be spared to chronicle all matters occurring in the city and neighborhood carefully excluding unseemly expressions or gross narrative as unfit for a journal that is treasured at many thousand hearthstones of Virginia.

From the State Capital it will receive early and accurate accounts of the proceedings of the General Assembly and of all the operations of the State government likely to interest the people.

Special attention will be devoted to presenting, as well from original sources of information as from its exchanges, the news of Virginia.

Concisely and completely it will give the news of the world.

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Early and reliable reports of the Grain, Cattle, Grocery and other markets will be furnished, and the prices and position of the stocks, which are the subjects of business transactions in this section of the country, carefully quoted.

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During all this period its prominent object has been to advance the interests of the people of whose life it is the daily chronicle. Its fortunes have been their fortunes; it has shared their prosperity and suffered in their disasters. Its inspiration has been the desire to forward the best interests of the community in which it is located, and its own prosperity is, as it has been purposely made, inseparable from that of the community it aims to represent. When they grow rich it hopes for a reward commensurate with its labors. While they are poor it expects to work with them and for them, expecting to make their success the measure of its own.

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